

1 AN ACT relating to student writing.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 156.160 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) With the advice of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council, the Kentucky
5 Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing
6 standards which school districts shall meet in student, program, service, and
7 operational performance. These regulations shall comply with the expected
8 outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. Administrative
9 regulations shall be promulgated for the following:

10 (a) Courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools
11 identifying the common curriculum content directly tied to the goals,
12 outcomes, and assessment strategies developed under KRS 158.645,
13 158.6451, and 158.6453 and distributed to local school districts and schools.

14 The administrative regulations shall provide that:

15 1. If a school offers American sign language, the course shall be accepted
16 as meeting the foreign language requirements in common schools
17 notwithstanding other provisions of law;~~and~~

18 2. If a school offers the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, the
19 course shall be accepted as meeting the physical education requirement
20 for high school graduation notwithstanding other provisions of law; and

21 3. By the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year, cursive writing shall
22 be included as a course of study in all elementary schools and shall be
23 designed to ensure proficiency in cursive writing by the end of grade
24 five (5).

25 (b) Courses of study or educational experiences available to students in all middle
26 and high schools to fulfill the prerequisites for courses in advanced science
27 and mathematics as defined in KRS 158.845;

- 1 (c) The acquisition and use of educational equipment for the schools as
2 recommended by the Council for Education Technology;
- 3 (d) The minimum requirements for high school graduation in light of the expected
4 outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. Student scores
5 from any assessment administered under KRS 158.6453 that are determined
6 by the National Technical Advisory Panel to be valid and reliable at the
7 individual level shall be included on the student transcript. The National
8 Technical Advisory Panel shall submit its determination to the commissioner
9 of education and the Legislative Research Commission;
- 10 (e) The requirements for an alternative high school diploma for students with
11 disabilities whose individualized education program indicates that, in
12 accordance with 20 U.S.C. sec. 1414(d)(1)(A):
- 13 1. The student cannot participate in the regular statewide assessment; and
14 2. An appropriate alternate assessment has been selected for the student
15 based upon a modified curriculum and an individualized course of study;
- 16 (f) Taking and keeping a school census, and the forms, blanks, and software to be
17 used in taking and keeping the census and in compiling the required reports.
18 The board shall create a statewide student identification numbering system
19 based on students' Social Security numbers. The system shall provide a
20 student identification number similar to, but distinct from, the Social Security
21 number, for each student who does not have a Social Security number or
22 whose parents or guardians choose not to disclose the Social Security number
23 for the student;
- 24 (g) Sanitary and protective construction of public school buildings, toilets,
25 physical equipment of school grounds, school buildings, and classrooms. With
26 respect to physical standards of sanitary and protective construction for school
27 buildings, the Kentucky Board of Education shall adopt the Uniform State

1 Building Code;

2 (h) Medical inspection, physical and health education and recreation, and other
3 regulations necessary or advisable for the protection of the physical welfare
4 and safety of the public school children. The administrative regulations shall
5 set requirements for student health standards to be met by all students in
6 grades four (4), eight (8), and twelve (12) pursuant to the outcomes described
7 in KRS 158.6451. The administrative regulations shall permit a student who
8 received a physical examination no more than six (6) months prior to his
9 initial admission to Head Start to substitute that physical examination for the
10 physical examination required by the Kentucky Board of Education of all
11 students upon initial admission to the public schools, if the physical
12 examination given in the Head Start program meets all the requirements of the
13 physical examinations prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education;

14 (i) A vision examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist that shall be
15 required by the Kentucky Board of Education. The administrative regulations
16 shall require evidence that a vision examination that meets the criteria
17 prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education has been performed. This
18 evidence shall be submitted to the school no later than January 1 of the first
19 year that a three (3), four (4), five (5), or six (6) year-old child is enrolled in a
20 public school, public preschool, or Head Start program;

21 (j) 1. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, a dental screening or
22 examination by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse,
23 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant that shall be
24 required by the Kentucky Board of Education. The administrative
25 regulations shall require evidence that a dental screening or examination
26 that meets the criteria prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education
27 has been performed. This evidence shall be submitted to the school no

1 later than January 1 of the first year that a five (5) or six (6) year-old
2 child is enrolled in a public school.

3 2. A child shall be referred to a licensed dentist if a dental screening or
4 examination performed by anyone other than a licensed dentist identifies
5 the possibility of dental disease;

6 (k) The transportation of children to and from school;

7 (l) The fixing of holidays on which schools may be closed and special days to be
8 observed, and the pay of teachers during absence because of sickness or
9 quarantine or when the schools are closed because of quarantine;

10 (m) The preparation of budgets and salary schedules for the several school districts
11 under the management and control of the Kentucky Board of Education;

12 (n) A uniform series of forms and blanks, educational and financial, including
13 forms of contracts, for use in the several school districts; and

14 (o) The disposal of real and personal property owned by local boards of
15 education.

16 (2) (a) At the request of a local board of education or a school council, a local school
17 district superintendent shall request that the Kentucky Board of Education
18 waive any administrative regulation promulgated by that board. Beginning in
19 the 1996-97 school year, a request for waiver of any administrative regulation
20 shall be submitted to the Kentucky Board of Education in writing with
21 appropriate justification for the waiver. The Kentucky Board of Education
22 may approve the request when the school district or school has demonstrated
23 circumstances that may include but are not limited to the following:

24 1. An alternative approach will achieve the same result required by the
25 administrative regulation;

26 2. Implementation of the administrative regulation will cause a hardship on
27 the school district or school or jeopardize the continuation or

- 1 development of programs; or
- 2 3. There is a finding of good cause for the waiver.
- 3 (b) The following shall not be subject to waiver:
- 4 1. Administrative regulations relating to health and safety;
- 5 2. Administrative regulations relating to civil rights;
- 6 3. Administrative regulations required by federal law; and
- 7 4. Administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with KRS
- 8 158.6451, 158.6453, 158.6455, 158.685, and this section, relating to
- 9 measurement of performance outcomes and determination of successful
- 10 districts or schools, except upon issues relating to the grade
- 11 configuration of schools.
- 12 (c) Any waiver granted under this subsection shall be subject to revocation upon a
- 13 determination by the Kentucky Board of Education that the school district or
- 14 school holding the waiver has subsequently failed to meet the intent of the
- 15 waiver.
- 16 (3) Any private, parochial, or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum,
- 17 certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of
- 18 Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.
- 19 (4) Any public school that violates the provisions of KRS 158.854 shall be subject to a
- 20 penalty to be assessed by the commissioner of education as follows:
- 21 (a) The first violation shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) week's revenue
- 22 from the sale of the competitive food;
- 23 (b) Subsequent violations shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) month's
- 24 revenue from the sale of the competitive food;
- 25 (c) "Habitual violations," which means five (5) or more violations within a six (6)
- 26 month period, shall result in a six (6) month ban on competitive food sales for
- 27 the violating school; and

- 1 (d) Revenue collected as a result of the fines in this subsection shall be transferred
- 2 to the food service fund of the local school district.